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PIRATES AGAIN.

CHINA MERCHANTS' SHIP LOOTED.

PASSENGERS TORTURED.

The Old Bias Bay
Gang.

Loot to the value of over \$100,000 was taken by Black Flag pirates in their latest episode, their victim being the China Merchants S. N. Co.'s "Hsin Kong," an outstanding incident being the torture used to extract money from passengers.

Official confirmation has yet to reach Hongkong. When a "China Mail" reporter inquired at the local office of the company this morning, he was told that owing to present conditions, information took a long time to get around, but they had heard news about the piracy.

Once more it is the old, old story of pirates getting on board at the embarkation point as passengers, secreting arms, and then taking these in authority by surprise.

Volleys in the Air.

At 7.30 a.m. on March 23, the "Hsin Kong" left Shanghai for Canton direct. She was off Amoy about 6.25 a.m. on March 25 when between twenty and thirty pirates broke out simultaneously in the bow and stern and fired several volleys into the air. There were six guards on board (not the Indian guards under the Hongkong Police, as the vessel does not come within the scope of the local Piracy Prevention Ordinance). Before they could put up any resistance they were disarmed.

The gang then split up into parties, attention being divided between the bridge, engine-room, the commodore's department, first-class and steerage accommodation.

Human Bonfire.

Before long, the captain, officers and crew were overpowered. Passengers were assured by the pirates that their only object was to "float choy" (become rich). All those who had anything of value were to bring out such on pain of death by burning (human bonfire).

All the passengers complied, with the exception of a few who maintained that they had nothing. These were then dealt with. They were herded together, bound in ropes, and tied to a position at the stern. An old man of over sixty years was brought forward to be made an example of. Over his head was placed a bamboo basket, which was soaked in oil. Before the pirates could carry out their intention of "giving a fire and oil bath" to the passenger, those who had discarded valuables pleaded for his life. Some told the ruffians that he did not even pay his passage, the money having been subscribed by others. He was an emigrant, who had returned with a small fortune from America, but had lost it all in gambling before reaching Canton. At any rate, the luckless man was released.

Hide in a Lifeboat.

An endeavour to find the commodore failed. The pirates insisted that an accountant was the man and demanded \$10,000 from him. A sum of about \$2,000 had been taken by that time. In his despair, the accountant borrowed \$200 from his folks, and handed it over. In the confusion he slipped out and hid in a lifeboat till the pirates had left. It rained continually and the bottom of the boat was full of water, but he stuck to his hiding place.

The pirates in charge of navigation had seen to it that the ship steamed slowly whilst they carried out their search. By 11 o'clock on the night of March 26, a position near Bias Bay was reached. The Chinese describe it as "off Tung Shan, near Shanhai."

In response to a signal, six fishing boats appeared from the shore and took off the pirates and their loot.

Estimate of Loot.

The first estimate places the value at from \$130,000 to \$120,000. Money carried by the passengers was exceptionally heavy, there being a number of returned emigrants from America who, in the ordinary course of events, would have come on to Hongkong to transship by way of Hongkong to the interior. One man's loss

HALF TON OF OPIUM.

RECORD SEIZURE MADE AT SAIGON?

BOAT'S THREE DAY SEARCH.

Said to be a record for recent opium seizures, a quantity of the drug exceeding half a ton is said to have been found on a Hongkong steamer, on arrival at Saigon, after a search lasting three days.

A vernacular report says that such news has reached a local Chinese shipping company.

The ship's arrival at Saigon is given as March 23 (Sunday). There were twelve gunny bags of the "dope," so the report goes, weighing over ten piculs in all. (A ton of old piculs is 133.1/3 lbs.)

Saigon port officers searched for three days. They found the raw opium concealed in the engine room, cement being put in so as to give a level surface above the secret chamber, whilst coal was stacked above the surface.

(Note:—In 1923, Sub-Inspector Bloor, of Cheung Chau station, seized half a ton of opium, and other contraband, in a submarine cavity in an island near Cochin, the western entrance to Hongkong harbour, and it was then described as a "record.")

SANITARY LAWS.

EUROPEAN FIRM MANAGER SUMMONED.

COUNSEL'S ARGUMENTS.

In a summons against the manager of Messrs. Shaw, Tomes and Company before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to maintain in a clean condition a building on the second floor of St. George's Building, it was stated by Sanitary Inspector R. Stirton that the work had since been done.

Mr. R. A. Wadsworth, for the defence, pointed out that his clients were neither the owners nor the occupiers, who were the persons to be served with notice under the ordinance, the building as a matter of fact belonging to the Hongkong and Territorial Estates, Ltd. He contended that where an insanitary condition is due to structural defects and the work had actually been done no offence had been committed. Mention was also made of an application submitted in December to improve the lavatory system.

The summons was adjourned for one week.

MARINE COURT.

Several cases were heard at the Marine Court this morning. For being on board the s.s. "Kutsum" without permission, two Chinese were each fined \$10.

Another who made fast to the same steamer while under way, was also fined \$10.

A fine of \$20 was imposed for dredging in the Naval anchorage.

A junk licensee was prosecuted for (a) not reporting on arrival, and (b) clearing without a permit. He was fined \$10 on each charge. On similar charges, another was found "not guilty."

A children's flower service will be held in the Cathedral on Easter Sunday, at 3 p.m.

In money and valuables was given as \$5,000, including some U.S. paper currency.

Further evidence that the gang was from Bias Bay is forthcoming from the fact that they spoke the Hokio (or Ho) Luk Pung) dialect.

A tallyman (or cargo super-numerary) who is stated to have replied "The commodore did not come with us on this trip," is believed to have been fired at and wounded in the thigh. A cook was also shot in the leg.

No Witnesses?

The Hongkong office of the China Merchants Co. was unable to say if there were any European passengers on board, or to give the names of the foreign officers. Till June last year the steamer was an occasional caller at Hongkong, is of about 2,000 tons and as far as is known, did not carry wireless.

A FAMILY AFFAIR?

BANK LOANS WITHOUT SECURITY.

HIS LORDSHIP'S COMMENT.

Li Wing-kuang, a partner in the Wing Hing Bank, was cross-examined at length this morning by the Official Receiver as to the manner in which the affairs of the Bank had been run.

The Court was crowded with creditors and other interested parties in the action.

His Lordship made some caustic references to the family who are alleged to have run the Bank and used it as the medium for drawing on without security when they wanted money.

Asked why no security was asked for in respect of heavy loans to the Shun Li Wing firm (a subsidiary firm run by members of the family also interested in the Bank), witness referred to the fact that they (the Li family) trusted one another.

His Lordship: I see. You mortgaged their characters as security. The character of the three Li's was worth the equivalent of good land, was it?

With regard to another firm which owed the Bank money, this money had been lent through an agent, further stated the witness. The money was borrowed from the Bank by the Shun Li Wing firm (composed of partners in the Bank). An agent had been used and although his name appeared on the books he was not really liable. They had appointed him as they thought it would be better when it came to pressing for payment that someone else should be the agent.

"Pressing Themselves."

His Lordship: In fact, you would not trust yourself to press yourself.

Witness: There were other partners in the two concerns besides ourselves.

Witness was cross-examined with regard to loans made by the Shun Li Wing firm with the Bank's money. A debt appeared in the name of a salt fish shop. Were the Li family interested in that firm, too, he was asked.

Witness replied that the Li family was not interested in the firm at the time.

Asked if the salt fish firm was charged interest, witness replied that they were charged at current rates.

Witness also referred to a tong name the Shun Li Wing partners had adopted. It signified nothing. There was no firm of that name but it was used as a means for borrowing money.

His Lordship: They were ashamed to borrow any more under that name and so they adopted another.

Witness was cross-examined as to rates of borrowing and rates of charging. Witness still stuck to his statement that interest was charged by the Shun Li Wing firm acting under their tong name when they lent the money to the fish shop. On being pressed for figures, witness made certain statements which His Lordship said if true made it look as if the lending was more in the nature of a charitable institution.

Living On The Bank.

Some amazing practices in the conduct of the Bank were confessed to yesterday in the Bankruptcy Court when Li Shun-fan was examined at length by the Official Receiver.

Debtor admitted that he and his partners and the Li family generally had been living on the Bank for years and that the \$1,883,023 liabilities of the Bank due to the depositors was the amount due from the partners and family to the Bank.

Debtor admitted that when he lost money he took it from the Bank without security.

His Lordship: Would you lend money to another person without security?—I have often lent money without security.

Debtor: That is the practice of all banks.

His Lordship: A very comfortable practice for borrowers who are directors.

Trusted Himself.

Further questioned debtor said he paid 9 per cent. on the money which he borrowed without security.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/3 7/16.

OBITUARY.

MR. A. R. P. DAVIES OF POWELLS.

FUNERAL TO-DAY.

We regret to record the death, which took place at the Kowloon Hospital at 1 a.m. this morning of Mr. A. R. P. Davies, of the gentlemen's outfitting department, Wm. Powell, Ltd., and resident at 29, Ashley Road, Kowloon.

Mr. Davies, who was of a retiring disposition, had been in Hongkong some six years, having come out from Wales (his home was in Tenby) to Powells. He had been ailing for some considerable time but it was only in the course of the last fortnight or three weeks that it was known his case was serious.

It had been hoped that Mr. Davies's health would hold good until such time as arrangements could be made for him to be sent home, his only chance of recovery.

Sincere regret will be felt for Mr. Davies's wife at Home. Mr. Davies was only married two years ago whilst on Home leave.

The funeral takes place to-day, passing the Monument at 5.15.

A PET'S MISCHIEF.

MRS. WARREN BITTEN BY A MONKEY.

ANIMAL GETS FREE.

Mrs. C. E. Warren, residing at No. 19, Broadwood Terrace, was bitten yesterday by a pet monkey owned by Mr. McReynolds, who lives next door. She was treated by her private doctor.

The attack was made while the monkey got loose. Efforts made to recapture the animal proved unsuccessful.

POLICE CHANGES.

Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, Chief Police Accountant, leaves on holiday by the s.s. "Morea" on Saturday. Mrs. Taylor and family left for Hong Kong by the s.s. "Macedonia" in January.

Mr. W. F. Stone will take over the duties of Police Accountant.

A Home mail (papers only, London, March 4) arrived this afternoon.

The Vicar and choir of St. Andrew's Church presented large framed photographs of the interior of the Church and of the organ to Mr. G. K. Oliver, the late organist.

security. This, he said, was the usual rate in the Colony for such borrowings.

"I trusted myself and thought I was trustworthy," added debtor.

The concerns of the Shun Li Wing firm which had failed were considered. Debtor admitted that the partners in this were the same as the partners in the Bank. The Shun Li Wing was indebted to the Wing Hing Bank to the amount of \$500,000, which had not been paid to the Bank.

The Official Receiver pointed out that when the last balance sheet of the Bank was drawn and published in January 1925 debtor put down the Shun Li Wing debt of half a million as an asset.

When debtor came to file his statement of affairs he put it down as a debt, not even as a doubtful one.

Other large debts contracted on behalf of the Bank were referred to. It was pointed out to debtor that these debts which he must have known were bad ones had appeared as assets in the balance sheet for in some cases three years and he was asked if he did not know that the Bank was insolvent long before the middle of last year when the actual declaration was made.

Witness replied that he hoped to collect some of the debts.

"A Disgraceful Case."

The Official Receiver said he would like to know His Lordship's views on a proposed composition.

His Lordship said as far as he could see he should under no circumstances allow a composition in this case. It was an utterly disgraceful case. He could not conceive any circumstances under which he would exercise his discretion to allow a composition to be formed. The case must be thoroughly thrashed out.

At this stage the case was adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

A MIDNIGHT WALK.

LOCAL CONSUL'S MOTOR SORROWS.

\$500 CLAIM.

Car Which Made People Say
"Holy Smoke."

The sorrow of having a car which he alleged let him down at critical moments was described by Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court this morning by Mr. M. J. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands. Included in his trials was a midnight walk from the Hotel to Pokfulam.

Mr. Quist was the defendant in an action brought against him by Mr. A. G. Hewlitt for alleged negligence leading to \$500 depreciation of a car lent to Mr. Quist when the latter took over Mr. Hewlitt's flat at Pokfulam.

Mr. Hewlitt said that he bought the car (an Oakland) in 1922 for \$2,000 and it ran well from that time until the time the car was taken over by Mr. Quist. Under the agreement by which Mr. Quist took over the flat and car, witness (Mr. Hewlitt) was responsible for repairs for mechanical breakdowns or defects, also for wear and tear on tyres. When witness went home, and defendant took over, the car was worth \$1,500. It had been thoroughly overhauled some months previously.

"Rather Shabby."

Witness saw the car in January of this year shortly after he returned from leave. It was outside the Hotel and witness noticed that it was rather shabby. As Mr. Quist's tenancy had not expired, witness did not feel entitled to make an examination of it but later when the car was taken back by him the mudguards had been badly scored and one rim was bent. The axle caps were buckled as though the car had hit something.

Mr. J. A. Gordon-Lask (for the defendant) called Mr. Hewlitt's attention to a letter which he had written to Mr. Quist stating that to save Mr. Quist further annoyance, inconvenience and expenses he would take back the car on payment of a percentage refund.

Mr. Leask said that evidently Mr. Hewlitt agreed that Mr. Quist had had a lot of trouble with the car.

Mr. Hewlitt replied that he believed that Mr. Quist's trouble had been the employing of incompetent drivers. If he had kept the driver he (Mr. Hewlitt) had left him he would have been all right. The car had given him (witness) little or no trouble before.

Car's "Pedigree."

Mr. Leask: Do you know the history of the car? By that I don't mean its pedigree but where it came from and its condition on arrival.

Witness replied that the car had come from Japan. It was new and was in packing cases. The leather was midway but the car ran all right when put together.

Mr. Leask: What model was it?

Witness: 1921 at the latest.

Mr. Leask: Did not the car break down when you were taking Mr. Quist to make an inventory of your flat prior to his taking it over?

Witness: I do not think so.

Mr. A. N. Rowe, managing director of the Hongkong and Kowloon Traction Co., Ltd., gave evidence for the plaintiffs. He valued the car at \$1,000 or \$1,200 at the time it was handed over to Mr. Quist.

When Mr. Hewlitt brought it to him after Mr. Quist had been using it, the car was not fit for use. He (witness) would not have given it garage space. He attributed the causes of the depreciation to want of experience in regard to what repairs to have made and possibly, in the first place, to inexperienced drivers. It would cost \$300 to put the car in proper repair and it would only be worth \$400 or \$500 then.

The case for the plaintiffs having been given, Mr. C. Lauritzen, managing director of the Dragon Motor Car Company, was called as an expert witness.

Car Depreciation.

With regard to the price placed on the car by Mr. Hewlitt prior to its having been taken over by Mr. Quist, Mr. Lauritzen gave some interesting evidence with regard to car depreciation. A car depreciated to 15 per cent. of its value in three years so far as the market price was concerned, he said.

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SCHOOL PRIZES.

ITALIAN CONVENT ANNUAL FUNCTION.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Giving away the prizes yesterday at the annual distribution (private) of the Italian Convent (Canossian Institute) in Calne Road, the Rev. Father G. M. Spada, Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong, congratulated the teachers and pupils on the satisfactory results obtained both at the University and school examinations.

The headmistress's report was presented as follows:

Pupils in general attend school regularly, and the number of pupils lost owing to the strike is now not only regained but surpassed. From Class 8 upwards the pupils are accommodated in the new premises where the classrooms are cool, airy and light.

The work of the school continues to be good as can be gathered from the inspector's report and University successes.

Discipline, writes Mr. E. Ralphs, is excellent. Reading and recitation are good throughout the school, and the dictation tests generally very satisfactory. It was noted with satisfaction that practical English lessons take the place of formal grammar lessons in the junior school.

Keynote of Happiness.

Drawing in all its branches is well taught, and much of the work shown, especially in the senior classes, was of a very high order. Nature study drawing in connection with object lessons was very satisfactory. Written work in all classes was very neat, and carefully corrected. In the kindergarten and junior classes very successful work was shown.

The children sang and recited and obviously thoroughly enjoyed doing so. Happiness appeared to be the keynote of these classes—this is as it should be—singing throughout the school has greatly improved during recent years.

The special classes for Chinese girls preparing for the English classes are very well taught; the written work shown was excellent. Mrs. Sutherland was kind enough to inspect the needlework and was much impressed with the usefulness and excellence of the work done.

University successes.—During the year 15 pupils entered for the senior local examination of the Hong Kong University, and 12 passed; 24 entered for the junior local examination and 12 passed; Miss Lily Williams, Miss Carolina Maher, and Miss Tulle Barrett with distinction in biblical knowledge; Miss Emerenciana Santos and Miss Molly Franco with distinction in needlework.

Scholarships.—Miss Conchita Milian is the winner of the Lugard scholarship for the year 1925-1926. Miss Olga King and Miss Carmen Xavier are the winners of Lady Ho Tung scholarships for good conduct and application.

Sports.—As usual the pupils took part in the St. Joseph's College sports.

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Class 2.—Junior local certificates and prizes—Lily Williams (distinction in biblical knowledge), 1st prize; Tulle Barretto (distinction in biblical knowledge), 2nd prize; Carolina Maher (distinction in biblical knowledge), 2nd prize; Emerenciana Santos (distinction in needlework); Cissy Botelho; Carmen Xavier; Benedicta Xavier; Wong Po-chue; Henriette Demée; Olga Azedo; Molly Franco (distinction in needlework); Alice Suffind.

Class 3.—Conchita Milian (1st prize); Esther Ng and Delia Tossan (2nd prize); Lily Tossan; Annie Tsai; Lily Cubbay.

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Class 5.—Cecilia Tsai and Kitty Tsai (1st prize); Cecilia Leong (2nd prize); Cecilia Remedios; Lily Tam; Florence Tong; Phylis Hunt.

Music.—Benedicta Xavier; Deolinda Gosano.

Water colour painting.—Katie Tsai (1st prize).

Portuguese Classes.—Hedwiges Silva; Luis Chan; Olga Azedo; Christina Jorge; Hercia Silva; Alice da Rosa; Ines Ozorio; Mercedes Xavier; Graziela da Rosa; Margaret Xavier; Beatriz Ozorio.

BOILING OPIUM.

COOLIE CAUGHT IN THE LABORATORY.

PLEADS GUILTY.

At the resumed hearing of the case against a Chinese coolie who was caught in the act of boiling illicit opium inside the laboratory at the Import and Export department (reference to which was made in yesterday's "China Mail") the accused tendered a plea of guilty. Mr. M. W. Lo, for the defence, said the amount of opium was not large and the man's object was to use it for an injury to his leg.

Accused, who was stated to have been in the service of the Government for eleven years, was sentenced to four months' hard labour, the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell) remarking that it was a serious offence for a man in his position.

OUR EMPIRE.

PATIENT UNDERSTANDING AND INDIAN PROBLEMS.

Lord Irwin was the guest of the Colonial Institute at a farewell lunch on March 30, Lord Fitzalan presiding, and 200 were present including the Earl of Meath, Lord Aberdeen, Lord Emmott, Lord Glendyne, Sir A. Chatterjee, Sir Francis Younghusband, Sir Francis Wingate and Sir Benjamin Robertson.

Proposing the guest Lord Fitzalan said without hesitation: "In Lord Irwin we have the right man." (Applause.) He paid a tribute to Lord Irwin's uprightness, conscientiousness and courage. He believed that he would set up to his terribly responsible duties. Lord Irwin, responding, pointed out that great public affairs often competed for attention unequally with football, murder and similar things. This was often true of the British attitude towards the Empire, which was accepted like the sun and the moon. The British were often puzzled at the position in India, finding that the reforms which they expected to lead to peace, were only criticised. The British under such conditions turned away to mind their own business and left the solution of the difficulty to others. Lord Irwin regarded this as a dangerous attitude. He added that all portions of the Empire had their own problems, all depending on the health and welfare of the British Commonwealth. Many of them were most intimate, but the solution could often be found in patient understanding. For with politics, as with bootlaces, patience alone could untie knots where a short temper and bad language would only confound confusions. The problems of India were not the least intricate. They demanded courage and goodwill by all interested in India's history, which was mainly directed by Britons who had given time, means, health and often their lives.

"In future we are pledged to carry on our work in India in partnership with the peoples of India. The partnership will bring its own difficulties. Nevertheless, we are convinced that in India's future Britons and Indians have both a vital contribution to make, demanding, on the part of Great Britain, interest and knowledge, for interest without knowledge seldom brought great illusion (sic) or public profit." The prospect of a contented India within the British Empire was a British no less than an Indian interest and on its achievements in great part depended the relations which their children's children would see existing between the civilisations of East and West.

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THIEF CAUGHT.

BETRAYED BY AN AMAN'S YELL.

HOUSE BOY'S PROMPTITUDE.

There has been a disconcerting series of petty thefts from Kowloon flats of late, household linen and perambulators being carried off by the light-fingered gentry.

Following the theft of four sheets from the roof of one flat and sheets and blankets from an adjoining flat, a washing amah at 818 Nathan Road set out to lie in wait daily for potential thieves after she had hung the washing on the line on the roof. Her patience was rewarded yesterday about 1.30 p.m.

From the roof of No. 811 Nathan Road she espied a Chinese making his way to her roof, and she immediately uttered a yell, which was heard by the boy on the second floor. The latter dashed out and intercepted the would-be thief as he was making his exit from the ground floor passage. The intruder was eventually conveyed to the Yau-mai Police Station.

This is the second "undesirable" caught red-handed at the same address within a few weeks, and both were taken to the Police Court by Mr. W. J. Stoneham. The offender in the first case received a sentence of two months' hard labour.

"100 SECRETS."

BOOK SHOP MANAGER IN COURT.

How many secrets does Shanghai hold? That is the question. One individual evidently is of the opinion that it holds one hundred and evidently thinks that he is in possession of them all. An advance notification has been circulated in Shanghai that there will shortly appear on the market a certain book containing these one hundred secrets and this advance information was the immediate cause for the appearance of Li Tsung-yung in the Mixed Court on March 24, says the "Shanghai Times."

The police obtained information that a certain booklet had been issued in Shanghai to the effect that in a short time there would be published a book entitled "Hundred Secrets" and which was to reveal the most interesting information on subjects and individuals in this city. The booklet was issued from the Kung Wo Book Store and it was the manager of this establishment who appeared in the Court on March 24. There was a sample article in the booklet published by the accused and as a result he was charged with publishing and selling this paper with the indecent article.

The book of the "Hundred Secrets" is alleged to contain the most immoral tales and literature of the worst kind and as Detective Sullivan informed the Court several attempts had been made to have it published in newspapers in the city. These attempts had proved futile as the newspapers refused to take the responsibility of publishing such matter.

Dr. G. Sellet appeared in Court in behalf of a certain Chinese lady who claims that by innuendo and other subtle evidence she had been slandered by the article published in the advance booklet.

A copy of the "Hundred Secrets" which has not yet been published was produced for the benefit of the Court.

The Court imposed a fine of \$50 and ordered the accused to put up a bond of \$500 to insure his appearance when the editor and the brother of the editor are arrested and charged with the editing of the book.

EMIGRANT TRAFFIC.

RUMOUR OF AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING SCHEME.

London, March 4. The "Daily Express" features an alleged request by the Australian Government asking the British Government to approve a new shipping scheme whereby the voyage between Southampton and Perth will only take 25 days. The proposed Company will have a capital of £10,000,000 and it proposes to build seven 24,000-ton liners for the route between Genoa, Bombay, Colombo and Perth.

The "Daily Express" Melbourne correspondent states that the Australian Government want to give the new line a monopoly in carrying emigrants and mails. "Times of Ceylon."

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Last week the following notifiable diseases were reported:—Diphtheria: 3 cases, 2 deaths, (all Chinese).

Enteric fever: 1 case, 1 death (also Chinese).

Rabies: 1 human (fatal), 1 dog.

Monday's list comprised two cases of small pox, one Chinese and one British (imported).

MISSED HONGKONG.

ADVENTUROUS VOYAGERS REACH COOKTOWN.

A REMARKABLE JOURNEY.

Brisbane, March 7. The Japanese lugger, "Kakaja," arrived on March 4 at Cooktown from Thursday Island, bringing Captain Carl Fitzpaul, a German, and Waldemar Tregouboff, a Russian, who were picked up at Margaret Bay. When interviewed, Captain Fitzpaul stated that five men, Edward Clements, an American, Poynton, an Englishman, Colin Dodd, a Scotsman, Fitzpaul, and Tregouboff, left Shanghai on June 7 last, in a partly decked-in boat named, "The Sampan," 23ft. in length, and 7ft. 6in. in beam, for Australia.

Their intention was to visit Hongkong and other Chinese ports, but monsoons frustrated their plans. They visited the Philippine Islands, and intended to make for Cooktown, Cairns and Townsville. They left Thursday Island on February 13, and on February 16 "The Sampan" became sluggish, and it was decided to beach and clean her. A strong south-east wind sprang up and drove the boat high up on the beach. She sprang a leak, and it was decided to abandon her. Dodd left the party at Thursday Island. Clements and Poynton left on a supposed store-keeper 52 miles along the coast, were picked up by the lugger "Amy," and taken to Lockhardt Mission Station.

There was no shortage of food or water. Although in splendid condition, the party is financially destitute.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Por D.L. s.a. "President Harrison"

on March 29.—Mr. Chas. Fong Sang, Mr. S. Barker, Mr. A. F. Edgar, Mr. O. Kitchell, Mr. W. F. Soxall, Mr. Chiu Ko-choy, Mr. and Mrs. Chit Song-sun, Master Chit Sun, Mr. Yip Tong-yuek, Mr. Peh Yuen-mai, and Mrs. Wong Se-wie.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per D.L. s.a. "President Harrison"

on March 30.—Mrs. E. W. Husted, Mr. M. E. Martin, Mrs. E. M. Martin, Mrs. K. M. Martin, Miss M. Routledge, Mr. W. B. Allen, Miss V. Buckland, Mrs. F. R. V. de Chaffe, Mrs. C. de Deland, Miss C. Deland, Miss S. Deland, Miss Deland, Mr. R. L. Julian, Mrs. B. Julian, Mr. G. A. Moszkowski, Master C. Moszkowski, Mr. J. A. Armstrong, Mrs. Z. Armstrong, Mr. J. K. Munford, Mr. G. Noel, Mr. W. S. Phillips, Mr. D. R. Rosenberry, Mr. F. A. Whittier, Mrs. I. Hoffman, Miss L. Hoffman, Mrs. E. Sanchez, Miss T. Sanchez, Mr. J. W. Cheeseman, Mr. A. Loeffler, Mrs. M. McCleary, Mr. G. F. Tobler, Mr. E. Skinner, Mr. H. A. Speer, Mr. W. S. Chase, Mrs. Ada Chase, Mr. J. G. Tranna, Mr. G. Zett, Mr. B. H. Cass, Mrs. L. Cass, Mr. and Mrs. A. Edwards, Miss B. Haberl, Mrs. M. A. Plüger, Mrs. S. B. Baker, Mrs. R. S. Baker, Mrs. E. Loeffler, Miss M. Loeffler, Mr. C. E. Niles, Mr. W. D. Cowles, Mrs. E. Y. Cowles, Mr. Ma Wing-chung, Mr. Ng Fook-sang, Mr. Lo Shun-wan, Sister M. C. Quinn, Sister M. de Lourdes, Mr. T. M. Advani, Mr. R. A. Ramchandani, Mr. C. V. Starr, Mr. F. B. Baldwin, Mr. Z. T. Yang, Mr. O. Lee, Mrs. M. Gonzalez, Miss A. Liehauc, Miss Turnbull, Miss Hammond, Mr. J. A. Scott, and Mrs. G. Lennon.

H.E. HOTEL RESIDENTS.

March 30.

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NO COUNTRY.

HOTEL PROPRIETOR'S APPEAL TO AMERICA.

FORMERLY IN HONGKONG.

The Shanghai "Evening News" of March 25 says:

An appeal to the president, congress and people of the United States for restoration of his citizenship and recovery of his property from the Chinese, has been filed by William Frederick, proprietor of St. George's Hotel and dancing pavilion.

According to his appeal, which is entitled "Chinese Justice," Mr. Frederick came to the United States from Germany in 1875, was naturalized in 1896, came to Hongkong in 1898, entered the Chinese Maritime Customs service, and was registered as an American citizen in China until 1918 when registration was refused by the American Consul-General in Shanghai.

Was "Squeezed" Dry. After thus becoming "a man without a country," he opened a hotel in Chapel and for two years barely made a living. Then he opened a dancing pavilion and when he began to make money the Chinese authorities began to "squeeze" him until the process became unbearable.

When he refused to be "squeezed" further he was thrown in military prison. He was released after a time, but his hotel, valued at \$25,000, is still being held by the Chinese, as well as \$1,100 stolen from him.

In his appeal, Mr. Frederick declares that since he opened St. George's in the international Settlement he has been accorded full justice by municipal authorities and that no effort whatever has been made to "squeeze" him.

In Canton Customs.

In the course of his appeal he says:

"I was born in Germany on October 8, 1875 and came to the United States in 1896. For three years I attended the Barrington, Ill. High School after which I went to work. In 1896, on October 6, in the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois, I was admitted to citizenship, by certificate of naturalization as a minor. In 1898, I made a voyage to Hongkong on the Boston bark 'E. C. Morr,' and was paid off in Hongkong at the American consulate. On the advice of the Consul and assisted by a letter from him to the Customs head at Canton, I obtained a position as Tidewater in the Chinese Maritime Customs service as one of several Americans who were appointed to Customs positions about that time. This was in June, 1898, and I was registered as an American citizen in the Canton consulate immediately."

"I have been registered as an American continuously until 1918, when I was refused registration by the American Consul General in Shanghai."

[The remainder of the appeal is not of any local interest.]

NO POLICE SPIES.

EARL WINTERTON'S STATEMENT IN COMMONS.

London, March 1.

"Yes, I will say categorically that the Government of India does not employ agents provocateurs," declared Earl Winterton in the House of Commons, replying to a question regarding a Police Inspector's successful prosecution of a student of the Brijomohan College, Barisal, for defamation.

Earl Winterton said the "Forward" had published several articles on agents provocateurs, but the student's conviction had shattered only the specific accusation on which the articles were based. He hoped that the "Daily Herald," which had published the student's allegation against the Inspector, would publish the sequel to the charge when it had less pressure on space. "Times of Ceylon."

JAPANESE FLIGHT.

Tokyo, March 24.

Two flying boats belonging to the Naval Air Force at Yokosuka last night succeeded in completing a night flight over a distance of 200 miles between Yokosuka and Ise.

Eastern News Agency.

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BANKRUPTCY.

ADJUDICATION OF G. P. AND H. A. LAMBERT.

OTHER CASES.

In the Bankruptcy Court yesterday before Sir Henry Gollan, the Official Receiver applied for adjudication in the case of Messrs. G. P. and H. A. Lambert. After protracted negotiations, he said, two schemes were approved by a first meeting of creditors but at a subsequent meeting they were not approved, owing to absence of assets. The only alternative was adjudication. He asked for the appointment of Mr. S. H. Ross as trustee, \$15,000 to be paid as security.

His Lordship granted adjudication.

The affairs of the Wing Shing Shun firm in connection with which allegations of fraud were referred to at a previous court, again came up for discussion at yesterday's Bankruptcy court, a receiving order being made. His Lordship directed the Official Receiver to withhold the sale until enquiries had been made.

The Official Receiver applied for adjudication in the case of the Wang Ching Leung. He said adjudication was granted in 1925 against a partner and not against the firm and the present action became necessary. He applied to be appointed as trustee.

The application was granted.

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"DEVANHA"	8,155	24th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	8th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	22nd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,114	29th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	5th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	19th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	26th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	3rd July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	10th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	17th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	24th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	31st July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	14th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	21st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	28th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	10,943	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th April	Manila, Rotterdam, Amsterdam
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	14th April	Manila, Rotterdam, Amsterdam
"TANAWA"	4,500	21st April	Manila, Rotterdam, Amsterdam
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th April	Manila, Rotterdam, Amsterdam

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"SANTHA"	7,764	9th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PERIA"	7,844	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	23rd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,005	30th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANAWA"	10,000	7th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANAWA"	10,000	21st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	4th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	18th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	25th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	2nd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	9th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	16th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	23rd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	30th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	13th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	20th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARNATA"	10,943	27th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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FROM SHANGHAI.
Apr. 1—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson
1—P. & O. Pres. Cleveland
1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
1—J.O.L.L. Tjibodas
1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
1—O.P.S. Empress of Asia

FROM SINGAPORE.
Mar. 31—B. F. Pres. Jackson
Apr. 1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
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FROM MANILA.
Apr. 1—O.P.S. Empress of Asia
May 1—B. F. Pres. Jackson
June 1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
July 1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland

FROM SAIGON.
Mar. 31—M. A. Ambrose
FROM BOMBAY.
July 1—P. & O. Delta

FROM CALCUTTA.
Apr. 1—B. F. Pres. Jackson
1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
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FROM JAPAN.
Mar. 31—B. F. Pres. Jackson
Apr. 1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
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FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.
Apr. 1—B. F. Pres. Jackson
1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
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FROM LONDON.
Apr. 1—B. F. Pres. Jackson
1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
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FROM LIVERPOOL.
Mar. 31—B. F. Pres. Jackson
Apr. 1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
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FROM MARSEILLES.
Mar. 31—B. F. Pres. Jackson
Apr. 1—B. F. Pres. Cleveland
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FROM HAMBURG.
Apr. 1—B. F. Pres. Jackson
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BANKING EXPERT TO QUIT CHINA SOON

The Shanghai "Evening News" of March 26 says:

Mr. G. H. Stitt, manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the largest institution of its kind in the Far East, is resigning from his post and will return home within the next two or three months, according to information obtained to-day.

Mr. Stitt has been prominent in the banking and business circles of the Far East for the past score of years and is recognized as one of the most commanding figures in the Eastern financial world.

For some time past he has been outstanding in the civic and commercial progress of Shanghai and he is recognized as one of the most eminent authorities on problems and conditions in China.

Mr. Stitt is president of the St. Patrick's Society and is one of the most ardent devotees of the race track in the city. He owns many fine horses and has been a leader in promoting Shanghai racing.

At the present time, Mr. Stitt is confined to his home by illness but is expected back to his office next week.



MR. G. H. STITT

Bya Buri Navarath, the Siamese minister to America, who died at Saranac Lake, N.Y., directed before his death that his body be cremated and the ashes returned to his native land. He had been ill for some time.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on March 20 and is due here on April 10.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" with the outward English mails, is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at 1 a.m. on April 2.

The P. & O. s.s. "Takada" will leave Amoy for this port to-morrow at p.m. and is due here on April 2 at p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama on March 26 at a.m. left Yokohama on March 27 at p.m. and is due at Vancouver on April 5.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.
Goods arrived per s.s. "City of Valencia" remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to rent. Agents—The Bank Line, Ltd.

AT CHANGE

SHANGHAI STUDENTS REFUSE TO STRIKE

A good deal of prominence has been given by some local papers to reports of agitation among Shanghai students over the recent shooting in Peking, says the "North China Daily News." This would not be very good policy, even if it were founded on fact. The truth is that the overwhelming mass of the students have flatly refused to be persuaded to strike or to make any disturbance. The exceptions are the students of Nanyang and Shanghai University both institutions known in the past for a good deal of turbulence, and one other.

Most of the students, we are informed on excellent authority, hold that they are at school to fit themselves for work in China's interest hereafter and that any interruption of their work or political agitation now postpones, if it does not altogether impair, their usefulness hereafter. Which, of course, is no more than the truth.

This change of attitude certainly deserves to be noticed, not only on its own merits, but as indicating the effectiveness of good influences at work. We have repeatedly expressed belief in the existence of such influences, although in the past it was the extremists who seemed to have it all their own way, notwithstanding that one may believe the majority of students have no great appetite for public disorder. Now, however, we have clear indication that the best class are getting the upper hand against the noisy minority. More power to their elbow.

LIBEL SUIT.

"CHINA PRESS" LOSES CASE AGAINST RIVAL.

The "North China Daily News" was found innocent of the libel charge brought against it by the "China Press" at the jury trial in the British Supreme Court.

The "China Press" asked £15,000 damages on grounds that publication of a story in the "North China Daily News" on suit of Mr. H. C. Norman, former advertising manager of the "China Press," against the Press had been with malicious intent and was written in a manner to indicate that the "China Press" was dishonest in dealing with its employees.

Mr. Tycho Wing, representing the "China Press," declared the version of the suit rendered in the "North China" was "grossed" to damage the Press and that since the "North China" based its story entirely on Mr. Norman's petition it did so at its own risk.

The petition was filed in the American Court and Mr. M. Reader Harris, representing the "North China Daily News," declared that any one could see a petition filed in the American Court and that consequently the "North China" was fully justified in using a story about it.

Judge Peter Grain presided at the trial.

BUILDING OF PEARLS.

Tokyo, March 24.
The Mikimoto Pearl Shop here has decided to exhibit a pearl structure, about 2 feet 4 inches in height, which is valued at ¥50,000, at the Grand Exposition to be held in the United States on the occasion of the anniversary of the American Independence.—Eastern New Agency.



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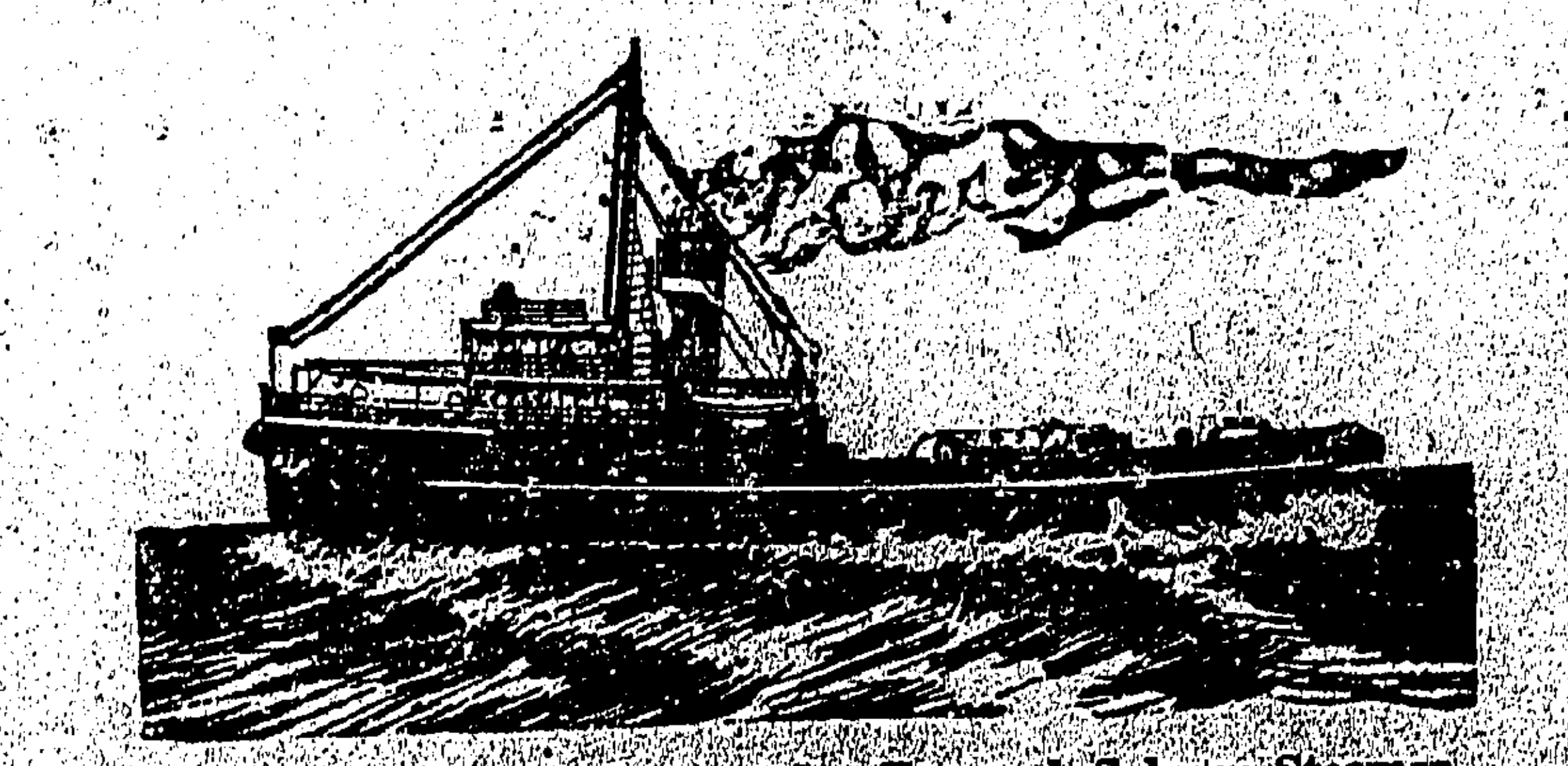
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BIRTHS.

FITZGERALD.—On March 19,
1924, at the General Hospital,
Singapore, to Leonora, wife
of H. D. Fitzgerald, B.A. (Dul)
A.M.I.C.E., of the
F.M.S. Railways, Pahang.

GIBSON.—On March 19, at
Roeberry, Gordon Road, Cam-
berley, to Doris, wife of
Ashley Gibson—a daughter.

MURRAY.—On March 2, 1924, at
Norwich, to Mr. and Mrs.
H. J. Stewart Murray of
Valley Estate, Kudat, British
N. Borneo, a daughter. Both
well.

DEATH.

DAVIES.—At Kowloon Hospital,
at 1 a.m. to-day, Arthur
Reginald Protheroe Davies, of
22, Ashley Road, Kowloon.
Funeral passes the Monu-
ment at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

Hongkong, Wednesday, March 31, 1924.

BIAS BAY.

It has been stated time and
again that if the long series of
piracies is to be brought to an end
the headquarters of the pirates at
Bias Bay must be rooted up, lock,
stock, and barrel, until not a
vestige remains. Recent experi-
ences have amply demonstrated
that even ships' guards and wire-
less are not sufficient, in them-
selves, to prevent outrages. It
seems to be comparatively simple
for the gang to board steamers as
ordinary passengers and then,
when well out at sea, suddenly ap-
pear in their real guise, overpower
authority, and proceed with their
 nefarious work.

On the occasion of the "Tung
Kow" piracy, it was strongly
urged that all Chinese passengers
should be rigorously searched at
the port of embarkation. This
proved to be effective in a few
cases, and this system undoubt-
edly averted further outrages. Wher-
ever there has been any relaxation
in the search system at Shanghai
it is, of course, impossible to say.
The fact remains that hundreds
of pirates are on board the "Hao

Kong" at Shanghai to carry out
another coup off Amoy. Their
procedure was the same as on pre-
vious occasions, save that this
time they are reported to have re-
sorted to violence and threats of
"human bonfires" to overawe and
intimidate the hapless passen-
gers. And once again was the
victimised steamer taken to a
point near Bias Bay, where fish-
ing boats awaited the pirates and
took them off to their hiding
places on shore.

All affected by these piracies
have undoubtedly a distinct griev-
ance against the Canton Govern-
ment in the first place and against
the Central Government in the
second place for their utter in-
ability to suppress these pirates
and to make Bias Bay impossible
as a pirates' lair. The outrages
are directed always more against
the Chinese themselves than
against foreigners. These Chin-
ese who have been victimised
have a right to demand the pro-
tection of their own flag. Foreign
shipping companies have no less
a right to demand immunity from
molestation, from pirates in re-
spect of their vessels.

The Press of the entire China
Coast is solid and united in urging
that Bias Bay be wiped out. It can
easily be done once the Chinese
authorities make up their minds
to take the necessary steps. And
if they desire the co-operation of
British or other foreign warships
they know full well that such will
be forthcoming most readily. If
they choose to remain inactive,
then they may waken up one fine
day to find that the foreign
Powers have decided to do the
work for them—and that in a
very thorough manner. It were
surely better for the Chinese
authorities themselves to act and
that without further delay!

SMALL INVESTORS.

Curly's dictum that England
is a place inhabited by forty
millions of people—mostly fools
needs alteration. Mostly thrifty
would be nearer the mark. For
according to Mr. Walter Runc-
man, there is a wider distribution
of wealth in Britain than ever
before. £2,000,000,000 represents
the savings of 16,000,000 "capital-
ists." Or this sum, £225,000,000
is deposited in the Post Office
Savings Banks, £228,000,000 in
National Savings Certificates,
£198,000,000 in small Govern-
ment holdings, £470,000,000 in
ordinary and Industrial Life
Assurance Funds, £140,000,000 in
Building Societies, and £800,000,
000 in other approved Societies.
Stories of war-time squandering
are still current—of people who,
suddenly receiving large sums of
money indulged in orgies of plan-
keting and champagne drinking.
That is all past. It seems to be a
question of "thrift" versus "hor-
rific" and "dickensian" extravagance.
The latter's difference

between happiness and misery.
Local statisticians spare us in-
formation of the saving propen-
sities of the people of Hongkong—
Chinese and foreigners. It would
be interesting to have some
knowledge of our "small invest-
tor." They are not encouraged—
unless the lure of it is strong—to
indulge in share transactions as
Hongkong knows it—which of
course cannot be described as
saving, and if they save at all,
either remit Home, or place their
money in the Savings Bank or on
Fixed Deposit—both excellent
things. The small investor should
be encouraged. He should be en-
couraged to take a financial in-
terest in the place in which he
lives. Perhaps when the time
arrives to float public loans to
cover capital outlay on local im-
provements, residents might be
given an opportunity to subscribe
to them. Investors would have
the backing of the Government,
and would feel that their money
was in safe custody and doing
good. Such a plan would assuredly
appeal to those Chinese with
small sums at hand on which they
would be satisfied with a moder-
ate return. The suggestion seems
worth consideration.

ACCIDENTS.

LAUNCH COLLIDES WITH A JUNK.

NO CASUALTIES.

Among yesterday's accidents
was a collision in the harbour
between a passenger junk and the
steam launch "Vancouver" which
fortunately was not attended with
more serious consequences than
damage to the junk, assessed at
\$120.

At the time of the mishap the
junk was crossing over from the
Kowloon Godowns and the launch
was proceeding in the opposite
direction.

Thief's Fall.
A Chinese climbed on to the
roof of No. 313, Nathan Road,
Kowloon, with the intention of
committing a burglary, but fate
sent him headlong to the ground.
He was found in the morning in a
helpless condition and sent to
the Government Civil Hospital.

Motor Mishap.
The driver of a private richa
has reported to the police that
while he was proceeding along
Queen's Road East a motor car
travelling in the same direction
struck the back of his vehicle and
overturned it. The richa was
empty and the coolie was not hurt.

Alleged Wounding.
A Chinese woman admitted to
the Kwong Wah Hospital account-
ed for injuries to her head by
stating that she was attacked by
her husband with a chopper. The
assault is reported to have
abandoned.

Dog Bite.
A Chinese boy suffering from a
dog bite was sent to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital for treatment.
The animal, owned by a Chinese,
was taken to Kennedy Town.

SELLING OUT.

ANOTHER ONSLAUGHT ON NEW YORK SHARES.

THREE MILLION SOLD.

(*Reuter's American Service.*)

New York, March 30.
Another onslaught of selling on
the Stock Market continued all
day long, being specially directed
against the leading railroad
shares, which reached new low
levels for the year, the declines
ranging from one to fifteen
points.

Another drive against Hudson
Motors brought down their five
points to a low record of 72½.
The calling in of bank loans
continued on a large scale.

The day's trading exceeded
three million shares for the third
time this year.

IDLE LIST.

BRITISH FIGURES STILL DECLINING.

(*British Wireless Service.*)

Rugby, March 30.
A decrease of 31,448 in the
number of unemployed is shown
in the latest weekly return.
Considerable satisfaction is de-
rived from the fact that the total
figure of unemployed is now
a little over a million. It is actual-
ly 1,390,400.

On January 4, it was 1,269,900.
It has fluctuated around this
figure of one and a quarter millions
for the last three years, and its
reduction below a million will be
something of an event.

AIR LINERS.

FLEET ORIENTED AT COYDON.

CAIRO TO KARACHI.

(*British Wireless Service.*)

Rugby, March 30.

A fleet of five multiple engine
air liners was christened to-day at
Croydon air station by Lady Maud
Hoare, wife of Sir Samuel Hoare,
Air Minister.

Four of the machines are fitted
with two Napier Lion engines, of
450 horse-power, and the fifth has
a Jaguar motor on each side and
one in the nose.

They have been built for the Im-
perial Airways Company, which
conducts air services to the Con-
tinent, and which will be entrusted
with the new service from Cairo
to Karachi.

Family of Aviation.
Presiding at the luncheon which
was given after the christening,
Sir Eric Geddes, Chairman of the
Company, said that small as was
British aviation, it was yet an in-
distinguishable member of the world's
family of the aviation. The advent
of the machine which had been
christened marked the era of put-
ting behind for all time single
engined machines. Within twelve
months from to-day the Cairo to
Karachi service would be opened
with fortnightly journeys, using
three engined planes.

Sir Eric, continuing, said that
during last two years in which the
Imperial Airways Company had
been in existence 1,750,000 miles
had been flown, and 25,000 passen-
gers carried between this country
and the Continent. He made the
interesting revelation that ladies
fly much more than men to Paris.

IRAK FRONTIER.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

(*British Wireless Service.*)

Rugby, March 30.

Asked if he was now in a posi-
tion to state the result of the
negotiations with the Turkish
Government regarding the Turco-
Irak frontier line, Mr. Godfrey
Locker Lampson replied that Sir
Ronald Lindsay, the British Am-
bassador to Turkey, was now in
this country and had been in
consultation with the Government.

Sir Ronald Lindsay's instruc-
tions were now being drafted, and
when they were completed he
would proceed to Ankara and re-
sume the negotiations.

GERMANS TO PAY.

BIG CLAIMS BY AMERICAN CITIZENS.

(*Reuter's American Service.*)

Washington, March 30.

The Treasury's plan to meet im-
mediately the claims of American
citizens against Germany amount-
ing to \$190,000,000 and to trust to
refunding by the collection of
German reparations, embodied in
a Bill submitted to Congress, pro-
viding a complete settlement of all
war claims between Germany and
the United States, including the
return of property to German na-
tionals, held by the Allied Property
Custodian.

UNRULY M.P.'S.

TERMS OF SUSPENSION IN THE COMMONS.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, March 30.

On the motion of Mr. S.
Baldwin, Prime Minister, the
House of Commons agreed to an
amendment to the Standing Order
providing that where a member is
suspended for defying the Chair-
man's suspension will continue for
five days on the first occasion,
and twenty days on the second
and subsequent occasions, all the
House resolves to terminate his
suspension.

DISARMAMENT.

NO CONVERSATIONS WITH FRANCE.

(*British Wireless Service.*)

Rugby, March 30.

Mr. Godfrey Locker Lampson,
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs, stated in the
House of Commons that no con-
versations had taken place with
the French Government which
committed this country to any
limitations or concessions in con-
nection with the coming Dis-
armament Conference.

Mr. C. W. Skett, who was re-
cently appointed treasurer of St.
Andrew's Church, will be trans-
ferred to Shanghai next month.

A MIDNIGHT WALK.

(*Continued from Page 1.*)

Mr. Armstrong, "I mean to
say, then, that this car when it
was handed over was only worth
\$400, in spite of \$1,500 having
been spent on it in repairs in the
three years."

Mr. Lauritsen: "I certainly do.
Let me give you an illustration of
car depreciation. I had a Stude-
baker six-seater, 1922 model, stored
in my garage for about a year,
having only done 5,250 miles, with
tyres practically new and the en-
gine in fine condition. It was sold
last week for \$700."

Mr. A. J. Allison, former service
manager of the Dragon Motor Com-
pany, gave evidence with regard to
the state of the car when it was
brought in for overhaul and repair
some months prior to Mr. Quist
taking it over. The car was rather
dilapidated and, although every-
thing possible was done, it had been
impossible to replace certain
bearings. After the car had been
repaired and repaired he thought
it should have been worth \$1,400
or \$1,500, although that was accord-
ing to the inflated value of even
second-hand cars at that time.
Even if it was as good now as it
was when turned over, he would
approximate its value at \$700, only
owing to the slump in prices.

"A Laughing Stock."

Mr. Quist went into the witness
box and spoke of his troubles with
the car. It had never been satis-
factory and if he wanted to go out
for any official function, it was
unreliable that he might risked
missing his appointment. The car
was the laughing stock of the
people in the Hongkong Hotel
lounge when it started up. It
made people exclaim "Holy Smoke."

Asked by Mr. Armstrong why he
discharged the chauffeur left by
Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Quist said that he
got down from the Peak at 12.30
one night having left instructions
with his chauffeur to be at the
Hotel and found he was not there.
He (witness) had to walk out to
Pokfulam and it took him two
hours. He discharged the chauffeur
the next morning.

Mr. Armstrong pointed out that
\$3,000 miles had been done on the
car during the ten months Mr. Quist
had had the car. That did not seem
as if it was, by any means always
out of use and breaking down.

Not Overcrowded.

Mr. Armstrong further put it to
Mr. Quist that it was a known fact
that he (Mr. Quist) had run a bus
service from Pokfulam to the town
with Mr. Hewitt's car, overboard-
ing it with his servants and friends
whom he gave a lift to. He had
had as many as seven people in the
car at once, said Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Quist said that was false.
The car was never overcrowded.
It never had more than four or at
the most the regulation five in it.
When the Hotel bus service by the
Pokfulam Road stopped he occasi-
onally gave a friend a lift. Why
shouldn't he?

His Lordship found for plaintiffs
only for \$25, the amount of damage
caused by a collision, and which Mr.
Quist had already paid into court.
He also allowed defendant \$25 on
his counterclaim for taxi hire,
while the car was not usable. He
found that there had been no negli-
gence on the part of defendant and
thought that the car had been
handed back in reasonable condi-
tion and in accordance with the
contract.

FAREWELL.

LORD AND LADY READING LEAVE INDIA.

PRESS TRIBUTES.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Delhi, March 30.

After a most remarkable series
of farewell functions, Lord and
Lady Reading departed with the
full ceremonial of State.

The Press in valedictory
notices, express the opinion that
Lord Reading was the most suc-
cessful and greatest Viceroy
since Lord Curzon, while Lady
Reading's splendid work for
women and children is highly
tributed.

The St. Andrew's Church choir
will render special music at the
Good Friday and Easter Sunday
services.

One case of diphtheria was re-
ported yesterday at the Prince of
Wales Hospital. A patient who
resides at a private house was
admitted.

Mr. R. H. Baldwin, who was
recently appointed treasurer of St.
Andrew's Church, will be trans-
ferred to Shanghai next month.

HUMILIATING?

BRITAIN'S CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY.

BELOW SHANGHAI.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 30.

In the House of Commons the Labour amendment for the rejection of the Electricity Bill, and urging nationalisation instead, was defeated, the result of the division being—

Against amendment . . . 325
For amendment . . . 127

Majority 198

The Bill was thereafter read a second time.

Lloyd George Criticises.

Mr. D. Lloyd George, Liberal leader, whilst voting for the Bill, criticised its shortcomings. He referred to the humiliating show made by Great Britain compared with other nations in the tables quoted. He pointed out that the consumption per head in Great Britain was below that of Shanghai.

MEXICO'S LAWS.

STATUS OF FOREIGNERS LAID DOWN.

LAND RESTRICTIONS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, March 30.

The regulations governing the alien land law provide, inter alia, that foreigners owning land must become Mexican citizens, renounce their Government's protection, and respect property. They may not own over fifty per cent. of stock in Mexican land and agricultural corporations having property outside the forbidden zone along the borders and the coast.

The Mexican Corporation, whose stock is partially or wholly foreign-owned, may acquire land (except for agriculture) if the holdings are limited to the exact surface needed as in mining for petroleum.

Foreigners who acquired property between the promulgation of the 1917 Constitution and now may retain the same until their death.

Foreigners owning over fifty per cent. stock in corporations (excepting agricultural land within the forbidden zone) have ten years within which to dispose of the excess.

Foreign colonists may own 250 hectares of irrigated lands or 1,000 hectares of other lands within the forbidden zone if they become Mexican citizens within six years.

LAST OF FIVE.

ANOTHER LIGHT CRUISER TAKES THE WATER.

BUILT AT GOVAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Glasgow, March 30.

The Berwick, the last of the five light cruisers ordered by the Admiralty, has been launched at Govan.

The five cruisers are of 10,000 tons and will carry eight-inch guns in conformity with the Washington Naval Agreement. They will have a speed of 35 knots. They are, of course, part of the Admiralty's programme of replacement. The February issue of the Navy, the organ of the Navy League, has this note:—The cruiser Cornwall, which was laid down, at Devonport Dockyard on October 11, 1924, is to be launched on March 11, when Lady Clinton will perform the naming ceremony. The Cornwall is one of five cruisers laid down in 1924 to replace vessels of the "County" class which had become obsolete.

Three of the other four are: H.M.S. Kent (Chatham Dockyard), H.M.S. Cumberland (Vickers Ltd., Barrow-in-Furness), H.M.S. Berwick (Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd., Govan, Glasgow). All the new vessels were designed by Sir E. P. Tennyson d'Eyncourt.

Italy to demand payment from China.

MUSCOLINI'S BILL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, March 30.

Signor Mussolini has submitted to the Cabinet a bill for carrying out the Italo-Chinese Agreement of January 1, 1925, in regard to the repayment by China of Boxer indemnity payments.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

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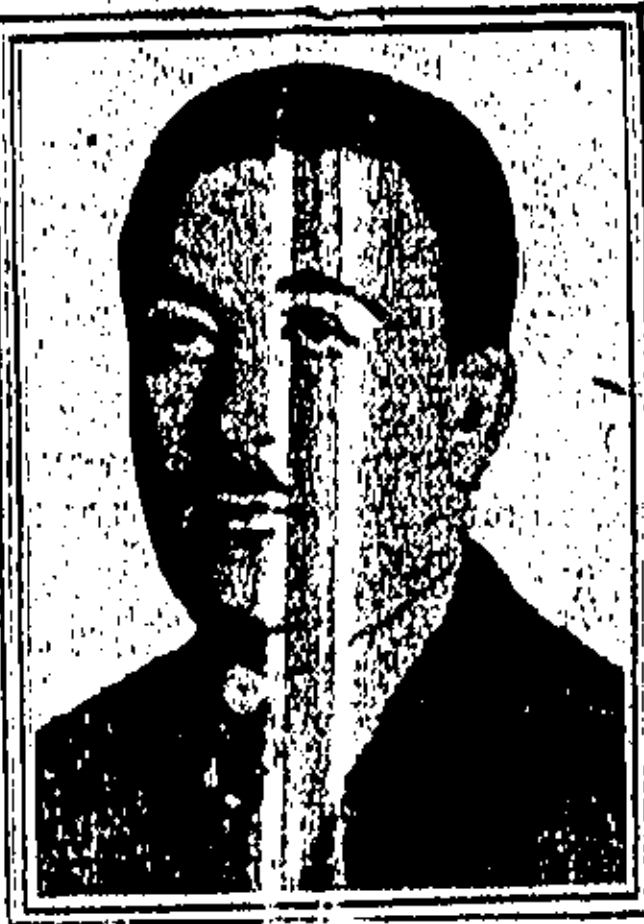
FASCIST SECRETARY-GENERAL RESIGNS.

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

(Reuter's Agency.)

Rome, March 30.

At a meeting of the Executive of the National Fascist Party, Signor



ROBERTO TURINACCI.

Farinacci announced his resignation of the Secretary-Generalship, feeling that he has accomplished the mission for which he assumed office.

M.P.'S DEATH.

MR. CHARLES W. CROOK'S CAREER.

LOSS TO EDUCATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 30.

The death has occurred of Mr. Charles W. Crook, Conservative M.P. for East Ham, North.

Work for Teachers.

Mr. Charles W. Crook, B.Sc., B.A., (London) was M.P. for East Ham (North) from 1922-1923 and from 1924 till now. He was a member of the Senate of the London University. He was born on March 4, 1862, and was educated at St. James's National School, Barrow-in-Furness; Aston College, near Preston; and St. John's College, Battersea. He was a member of the Executive of the National Union of Teachers for fourteen years; a member of the B. and O. Council, N.U.T., for fourteen years; a member of Board of Teachers Provident Society; Treasurer of the War Aid Fund, N. U. T.; President of the N. U. T., 1916-1917; member of the Cinema Commission; member of the Government's Committee on the position of Science in Great Britain; member of the Department Committee on the Principles governing Teachers' Salaries; member of the Advisory Committee of the Board of Education for selecting and training disabled soldiers, etc., as teachers; Hon. Vice-President and Corresponding Member of the National Education Association of the U.S.A.; member of the Burnham Committee on Salaries in Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools; representative of the N.U.T. on many educational bodies; member of the Teachers' Registration Council, and of the National Savings Committee. He was the author and editor of many educational works, a special contributor to the Times Educational Supplement, Chairman of the Directors of the Schoolmaster Publishing Company, and a frequent contributor to the educational Press.

The result at East Ham, North, in the General Election of 1924 was as under—

C. W. Crook, Cons. . . . 11,194

Susan Lawrence, Lab. . . . 10,187

E. E. Edwards, Lib. . . . 9,970

R.G.A. AWARDS.

FOUNDERS' MEDAL FOR EVEREST HERO.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 30.

The Royal Geographical Society awards the Founders' Medal to Lieut. Col. Edward Felix Norton for his leadership of the Everest expedition in 1924, the Back Grant to Afrax Gid for surveys in Central Asia, the Gill Memorial to Dr. Gordon Thompson for his journey on the Tibetan and Mongolian borders of China with Percival.

BELGIAN FLIGHT.

RETURN JOURNEY FROM THE CONGO.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, March 30.

The Belgian airmen have departed on the return journey from Leopoldville, and arrived at Mongalla.

JAPAN'S BUDGET.

Tokyo, March 24.

The Upper House this evening passed the Budget amounting to ¥1,085,000,000. It is expected that the supplementary Budget for 1926-27 will be passed by the House of Representatives.

CONFUSED POLITICS.

DECISIVE DEBATE IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

COMMUNISTS' SENSATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 30.

A decisive debate opens in the Chamber to-day, with a situation similar to that of three weeks ago, when M. Briand was unexpectedly beaten on the eve of Geneva, to the consternation of both supporters and opponents.

No one now wants a Ministerial crisis, but it remains to be seen when it comes to voting whether the Deputies, with the franc at 148 are able to sink party feelings and think nationally.

Yesterday's election of two Communists in the heart of Paris is an indication of the bitterness and confusion in French politics. The Socialists and Radicals withdrew in favour of Communists, merely to spite the Conservatives who were beaten by a narrow margin of 1,500 votes. The Radical-Socialists are now taking pains to explain they are not Communist, but anti-Fascist.

M. Raoul Peret's revised financial proposals, it is estimated, will leave a Budget balance with excess revenue of 47,000,000 francs. M. Peret retains the Turnover Tax, but as a concession to his Left Opponents excludes retailers.

The Finance Committee approved this compromise, but approval does not entail adoption in the Chamber. M. Peret predicts heavy depreciation of the franc if the measures are not voted in two or three days, and adds the Government will not intervene in the Exchange because the depreciation is due to psychological factors.

As Quiet as a Mouse.

The mouse-like quietude of a packed Chamber for the momentous financial debate which is to decide the fate not only of the Government, but possibly also of the franc, lasted whilst the Finance Committee's Reporter outlined the position. He explained that the problem was to find about 2,450,000,000 francs.

M. Peret followed, pleading the urgency of financial reconstruction, including a business turnover tax. A Sensation.

The tranquillity of the Chamber was shattered by the sensational entry of the two newly-elected

Senator Jas. A. Reed.

Very Fast Penny.

Washington, March 30.

In the Senate Senator Smooth declared that the Italian settlement represented "the very last penny that Italy could pay. He said: 'If we do not agree to the settlement it will be a long time before we get anything.'

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M. Edouard Herriot.

Paris Communists, which was greeted by all the Communists rising and singing the "Internationale" to the accompaniment of inebriated shouts from the Right.

M. Herriot, the President, quickly donned his top hat and suspended the sitting.

Poll Tax Rejected.

Paris, Later.

After five minutes' interval a fresh start was attempted with a number of suggested amendments. The poll tax was rejected and shelved finally.

The debate was adjourned till to-morrow. The Finance Committee is meanwhile resuming its arduous efforts. M. Peret insisted that the Bill must be voted to-morrow.

Franc Steadier.

London, March 30.

The French francs in London are steadier, closing at 141½, on the

The revised estimate of expenditure is due to the Supplementary Estimate and other alterations to the Navy Estimates for 1925-26, the amounts being £19,122,000 as compared with the original sum of £18,691,000.

A WITHDRAWAL.

LONDON PAPER AND M. IVANOFF.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 30.

The Times' Riga correspondent withdraws his announcement, dated yesterday, to the effect that M. Ivanoff is relinquishing the management of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

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WASHED OUT.

ITALY'S DEBT TO THE UNITED STATES.

BLOOD OF U.S. SOLDIERS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 30.

"Italy owes her very life to us, and Britain and France, but our obligation to Italy is washed out by the blood of American soldiers," asserted Mr. James A. Reed, (Democrat, Kansas City) in the Senate, pleading delay in the final settlement of the Italian Debt at least until the Disarmament Conference revealed Italy's attitude to world peace.

Mr. Reed finally submitted a resolution requiring the Foreign Relations Committee to investigate Italy's ability to pay, also the extent and terms of private American loans to Italy and Italian expenditure on propaganda.

"Santa Claus!" Washington, March 30. It was time that America "abdicated the part of Santa Claus" toward Europe, asserted Mr. Ralph B. Howell (Republican, Nebraska) in the Senate in opposing the ratification of the Italian debt settlement. He complained that every agreement recommended up to now by the Debt Commission provided for the cancellation of the principal.

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PRINCESS ILL.

PNEUMONIC TROUBLE NOT EXTENDING.

HEART STRAIN REPORTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 30.

The evening bulletin says that Princess Victoria slept. There is no extension of the pneumonic process, but her heart shows signs of strain.

[A British wireless message received earlier stated: The medical bulletin issued this afternoon states that the strength of Princess Victoria has been maintained, and there has been no extension of the mischief on the chest.]

PRINCE'S PROGRESS. A "GOOD NIGHT" OFFICIALLY REPORTED.

Rugby, March 30. The Prince of Wales, it is officially stated, passed a good night, and his progress continues to be satisfactory.

SPY SCORE. THREE BRITISH SUBJECTS TO BE TRIED.

Paris, March 30. Three alleged British spies and two woman accomplices have been committed for trial on a charge of having collected or attempted to collect information regarding the security and defence of the country.

[A Paris message of January 26 reported: A further development in the alleged spy case is the arrest in Toulon of a 23-year-old dancer, Mademoiselle La-Febvre, who, it is alleged, corresponded with John Leather acknowledging the receipt of sums of money and promising to supply "the information asked."

A Paris message of December 7 stated: Great interest is being taken in the case of a young woman named Marcelle Monsell, otherwise Marthe Morell, described in the Press as a new "Mata Hari." She has been arrested on a charge of being a spy in the service of a foreign Power, for the purpose of enquiring into the aviation services of France. Miss Monsell, interrogated by the examining magistrate, admitted that she had been engaged in espionage work since March last on behalf of certain British merchants, stated to be dealers in wireless apparatus. She stated that she had been investigating the number, make and capacity of aeroplanes at the bases at St. Nazaire, Bordeaux, Hyeres, and St. Raphael, and the organisation of aeroplanes. Three other persons, stated to be British, for whom Miss Monsell worked, were subsequently brought before the magistrate and examined secretly, after which all four were taken to prison.]

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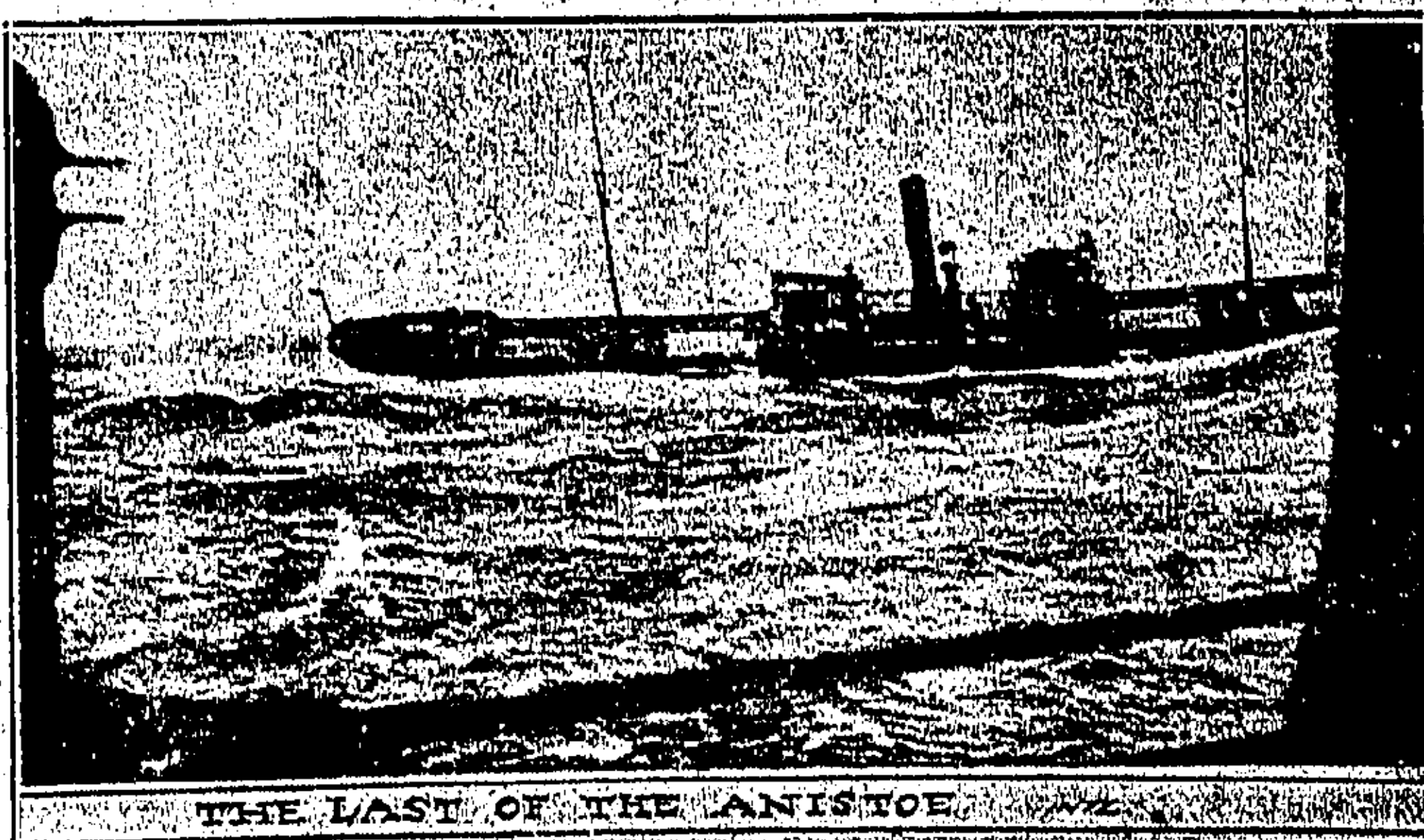
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People and Events in the News of the World



GERTRUDE MILLER

Her bobbed hair and youthful good looks do not prevent Miss Gertrude Miller from serving efficiently as a constable at Lima, in Ohio. According to records just published, she made more arrests during the year than any man who ever held the office.



THE LAST OF THE ANTIÑO

This remarkable photograph, snapped from the deck of the s.s. "Roosevelt," shows the s.s. "Antinoe," a British freighter, in its death throes in mid-Atlantic. The "Roosevelt," after risking disaster for three days, finally succeeded in rescuing the "Antinoe" crew. Two of the crew of the United States liner were lost when a lifeboat was smashed against the vessel by a terrific wave.



RUTH FRIEDMAN

Ruth Friedman, a Brooklyn girl, agreed to marry Walter O'Neill, provided he adopted the Jewish religion. O'Neill has changed his name to Walter Bergad says he will change his religion.



THROUGH THE BLIZZARD

Children were hard hit by the second blizzard within a week in New York, and traffic police frequently gave the youngsters a hand in getting through the drifted streets.



WARREN C. HARDING

Little Warren Craig Harding, cousin of the late President Harding, recently appeared in a stage production at a theatre.



SEN. JAMES COUSENS



SEN. REED SMOOT



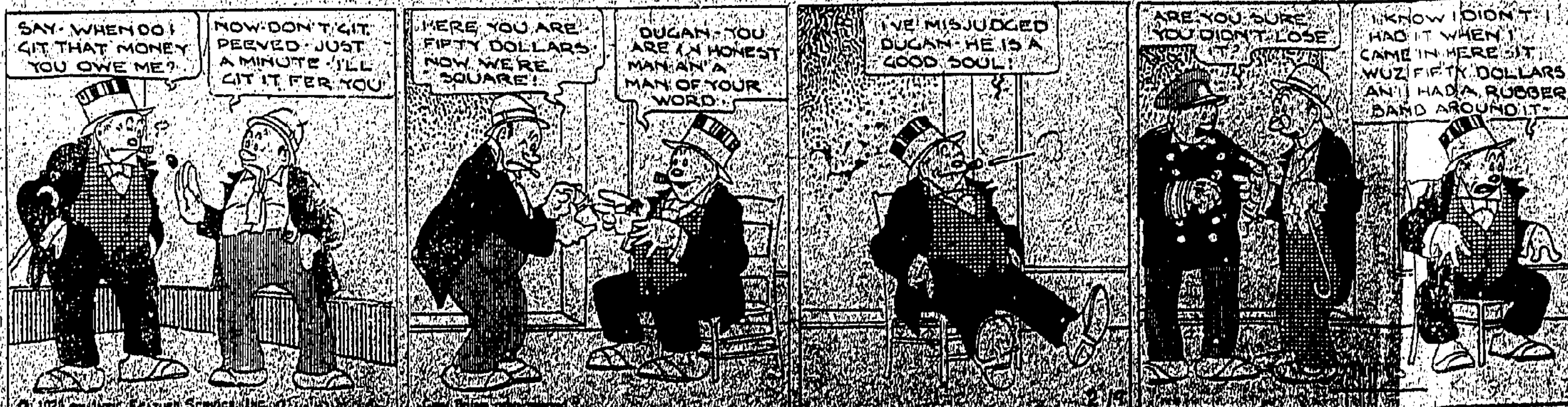
HERBERT HOOVER



CHAIM N. BIALIK

Senator James Cousens, of Michigan, and Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, nearly came to blows in a Senate cloakroom after a hot argument in the U.S. House over the repeal of the inheritance taxes; friends separated the belligerents. Herbert Hoover convened the annual conference on state and highway safety at Washington on March 23. Chaim Nachman Bialik, the greatest living Hebrew poet, is making his first visit to America.

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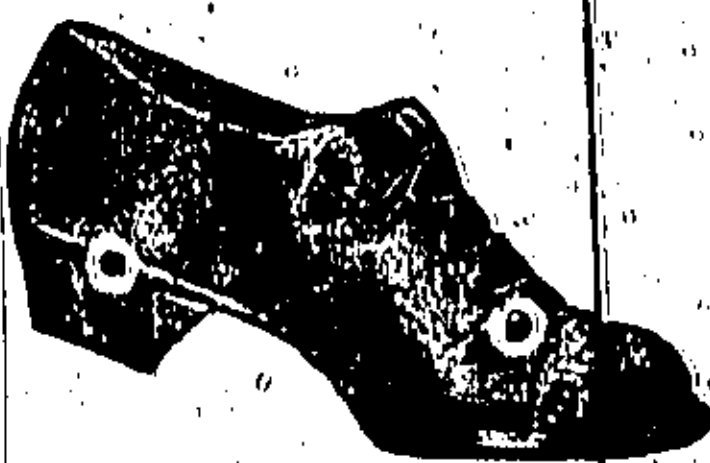
A DIALOGUE BETWEEN CONNOISSEURS

He.—Where are you going?
She.—Why? To Albert, of course, where we are sure to get the finest French fry and the best cooking.
He.—That is so! French Cakes at \$1.00 per dozen, his Maderia Cakes, his Big Cakes, his Ice-Creams (combined with excellent Maderia) are made exclusively with the butter, milk and cream of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.
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MRS. LILLIAN BLAUVELT

Mrs. Lillian Blauvelt, who admitted making a false report to New York police that her baby was kidnapped, was discharged by a kindly judge when he learned that she had adopted the baby to take the place of her own, which died. The real mother of the child reclaimed it, and afraid of losing her husband's love, Mrs. Blauvelt invented the kidnapping story.

Pirate's Buried Hoard.

A discovery, with all the smack of old-fashioned romance, has been made at the little Galician village of Moureira, near the Bay of Pontevedra. A contractor named Manuel Pontal was excavating the foundations of a new house, when one of the workmen struck a hard, metallic object with his pick. It turned out to be a thick iron trunk, bound with heavy hoops, and is stated to contain a rich treasure. The contractor has taken possession of it pending the decision of the authorities. It is supposed to be one of the trunks smuggled ashore at Pontevedra in April, 1828, by the famous Galician pirate, Benito Soto, who was hanged a few years later at Gibraltar, along with a number of other desperadoes. According to official data published in 1892 by a ship captain named Lazaga, Benito Soto had left Brazil towards the end of 1827 in a brigantine which landed him near Pontevedra. The pirate had amongst his belongings two heavy trunks containing the gold and principal objects of value of which he had robbed his victims. The trunks were never more heard of, and it is now presumed that they were buried at Moureira, near a house which Soto had acquired, and where he sometimes passed a few weeks with his uncle.

What a Play Costs.

As an example of the costs of modern theatrical productions, it is stated that the expenses of "Rose Marie," since that musical play was first produced, on March 20, 1925, at Drury-lane Theatre, London, W.C., have exceeded \$250,000, some of the principal items of expenditure being:

Artists \$56,000
Authors and Composers \$29,000
Orchestra \$13,800
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The play has continuously attracted large audiences, and the advance booking runs into May next, while the receipts are between \$650 and \$780 for each performance.

The Human Ear.

Few persons realise the enormous range of the human ear. In pitch, a good youthful ear can hear all tones from as low as sixteen vibrations a second to as high as 40,000. The range of intensity is likewise enormous. If we take as 1 the strength of the weakest sound we can hear, then the strength of the ordinary talking voice will be 1,000,000. In estimating the relative strength of sounds, our ears deceive us. For instance, when asking persons about the comparative strength of two wireless sets, they have often been heard to say that one was twice as loud as another. When they say that they do not understand the peculiarities of the ear. On being questioned, they agree that the stronger set behaves as if it had one more stage of amplification than the weaker one. Now one more stage of amplification represents 200 times the power output, yet it seems only twice as loud. In other words, our ears are very poor at gauging the intensity of sound. This is a very necessary condition. If our ears were sensitive to changes in intensity, they would either be insensitive to weak sounds, or moderately loud noises would become unbearable. During the war Bowden Washington conducted an interesting test on 108 bluejackets. He asked them to listen to two telegraph signals and tell which was the louder. One signal was adjusted to have twice the power of the other, and a switch was provided for throwing from one signal to the other. Each man put on headphones and listened once to one signal, and then immediately to the other. After that he wrote down his choice. Some men said the signals had equal strength, some said the weaker signal was the stronger. Only 56 out of the 108 men determined correctly.



SIMON SINGER

Simon Singer, a wealthy New Yorker, is to become a bridegroom for the fourth time at the age of seventy-five years. Singer says he's going to live to be 102, so he might as well have company.

Medical Research Bequest.

Under his will, Mr. William Frank Colclough, M.A., M.D., of Cherry Hayes, Sidmouth, Devon, bequeathed his body to Guy's Hospital for purposes of medical research. Mr. Colclough, who was 61, and left estate valued at \$32,174 with net personality \$26,439, made the bequest in the following terms:

"I desire that my body shall be sent free of cargo and expense to the Pathological Department of Guy's Hospital, for the purpose of making all necessary pathological investigations, as at the age of 6 years I was trephined for middle meningeal hemorrhage (right side) and possibly my skull and brain may be of interest for the museum, but if used for that purpose my name shall not be set down."

He gave \$50 to the Pathological Department for the payment of fees and for the pathologist who does the work.

After these investigations are completed his remains are to be delivered over to the dissecting room of the hospital.

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MR. SUN FO.
INTERESTING INTERVIEW IN HONGKONG.
SILENCE ON BOYCOTT.
An interview, presumably in Chinese, is described in this morning's vernacular papers, as having taken place between a local reporter and Mr. Sun Fo (who returned to Canton yesterday) and broadly translated, reads as follows:
"Is there anything that you, Mr. Sun Fo, would like to announce to the Press now that you are going back to Canton?" "There is nothing particular to say. I had leave to visit Shanghai. That leave has expired and I am now returning to Kwangtung (Canton)."
"In the negotiations between the Right (Moderates) and Left (Radicals) of the Kuomintang Party, is there anything at the present stage that can be made public?" "All that I have learned was through the papers. In Shanghai, I partly lost touch, and am now waiting to see what the Press can tell me."
Mr. Sun Fo is also quoted as having expressed an opinion that there are definite, immediate prospects of the unification of China, and suggesting that, although the Kuomintang has been defeated, its power has not lost much. "Another statement was that as Canton paid a good deal of attention to the situation along the Yangtze River (Central China), the projected Northern Expedition (from Kwangtung) would soon be a fact. The necessity of Canton's policy of expansion made it a matter of moment."
In reply to a query as to political developments, Mr. Sun Fo said that he could not make a statement till he had returned to Canton.
To an invitation to speak of the "Canton-Hongkong labour trouble," Mr. Sun Fo made no direct reply.
Mr. Mason is arranging for a choral recital on Good Friday night in the Cathedral, at 9.15.

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